

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

28E Agreement with the City of Dubuque

NRC approval is requested for the Department of Natural Resources to enter into a 28E Agreement with the City of Dubuque (City) to receive a \$3,037,802 Tier 2 Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG). The Tier 2 program is nationwide competitive grant program that is administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The grant money is made available to the DNR. As the grantee, the DNR has authority to convey grant money to a third party.

The BIG program provides funding to construct, renovate and maintain tie-up facilities and associated features for transient boats. A transient boat is a vessel 26 feet or more in length and does not moor at any one place for more than ten days. The City of Dubuque's project proposal is to construct and manage 92 transient boat slips with an ice protection system, bath and laundry facility, fuel dock and navigational aides.

Commission approval will make the federal grant money only available to the City of Dubuque. The City is responsible for project design, construction, management, oversight and a 26% local match.

We recommend that the Department enter into a 28E contract agreement with the City of Dubuque.

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